

**United States District Court
Central District of California**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.

Docket No.

EDCR 08-00139 SGL

Defendant THOMAS HENRY MERDZINSKISocial Security No. 2 9 3 4akas: Tom Merdzinski

(Last 4 digits)

JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER

In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
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COUNSEL**WITH COUNSEL**Vicki I. Podberesky, Retained

(Name of Counsel)

PLEA**GUILTY**, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea.**NOLO
CONTENDERE****NOT
GUILTY****FINDING**There being a finding/verdict of ☒ **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of:
Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B): Possession of Child Pornography.

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ORDER**

The Court asked whether defendant had anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the Court, the Court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that:

Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant, Thomas Henry Merdzinski, is hereby committed on count One of the Indictment to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of fifty-one (51) months.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of LIFE under the following terms and conditions:

1. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the U. S. Probation Office and General Order 318;
2. During the period of community supervision the defendant shall pay the special assessment in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to such payment;
3. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant.

Restrictions on Computer Use

4. All computers, computer-related devices, and their peripheral equipment, used by the defendant, shall be subject to search and seizure and the installation of search and/or monitoring software and/or hardware, including unannounced seizure for the purpose of search. The defendant shall not add, remove, upgrade, update, reinstall, repair, or otherwise modify the hardware or software on the computers, computer-related devices, or their peripheral equipment, nor shall he hide or encrypt files or data without prior approval of the Probation Officer. Further, the defendant shall provide all billing records,

including telephone, cable, internet, satellite, and the like, as requested by the Probation Officer.

5. The defendant shall use only those computers and computer-related devices, screen user names, passwords, email accounts, and internet service providers (ISPs), as approved by the Probation Officer. Computers and computer-related devices include, but are not limited to, personal computers, personal data assistants (PDAs), internet appliances, electronic games, and cellular telephones, as well as their peripheral equipment, that can access, or can be modified to access, the internet, electronic bulletin boards, and other computers, or similar media;
6. The defendant shall submit his person, and any property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computer, other electronic communication or data storage devices or media, and his effects to search at any time, with or without a warrant, by any law enforcement or Probation Officer with reasonable suspicion concerning a violation of a condition of supervised release or unlawful conduct by the defendant, and by any Probation Officer in the lawful discharge of the officer's supervision functions;
7. The defendant shall be subject to the installation of monitoring software and hardware. The defendant shall pay the cost of the computer monitoring, in an amount not to exceed \$30 per month per device connected to the internet;

Sex Offender Conditions

8. The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in any state where the defendant resides, is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student, as directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall provide proof of registration to the Probation Officer within 72 hours of release from imprisonment/placement on probation;
9. The defendant shall participate in a psychological counseling, psychiatric treatment or a sex offender treatment program, as approved and directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall abide by all rules, requirements, and conditions of such program, including submission to risk assessment evaluations and physiological testing, such as polygraph and Abel testing. The Probation Officer shall disclose the presentence report and/or any previous mental health evaluations or reports to the treatment provider;
10. As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant shall pay all or part of the costs of treating the defendant's psychological/psychiatric disorder(s) to the aftercare contractor during the period of community supervision, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3672. The defendant shall provide payment and proof of payment, as directed by the Probation Officer;
11. The defendant shall not possess any materials, including pictures, photographs, books, writings, drawings, videos, or video games, depicting and/or describing child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8); This condition does not prohibit the defendant from possessing materials solely because they are necessary to, and used for, a collateral attack, nor does it prohibit him from possessing materials prepared for used for the purposes of his court-mandated sex offender treatment, when the defendant's

treatment provider for the probation officer has approved of his possession of the material in advance;

12. The defendant shall not frequent, or loiter, within 100 feet of school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, or other places primarily used by persons under the age of 18;
13. The defendant shall not associate or have verbal, written, telephonic, or electronic communication with any person under the age of 18, except: a) in the presence of the parent or legal guardian of said minor; and b) on the condition that the defendant notify said parent or legal guardian of his conviction in the instant offense/prior offense. This provision does not encompass persons under the age of 18, such as waiters, cashiers, ticket vendors, etc., with whom the defendant must deal with in order to obtain ordinary and usual commercial services;
14. The defendant's employment shall be approved by the Probation Officer, and any change in employment must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall submit the name and address of the proposed employer to the Probation Officer at least 10 days prior to any scheduled change; and
15. The defendant shall not reside within 2000 feet of school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, or other places primarily used by persons under the age of 18. The defendant's residence shall be approved by the Probation Officer, and any change in residence must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall submit the address of the proposed residence to the Probation Officer at least 10 days prior to any scheduled move.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100.00, which is due immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant does not have the ability to pay a fine.

The Court recommends to the Bureau of Prisons that the defendant be designated to a penal institution at a camp-type facility.

The defendant is advised of his right to file an appeal within 10 days of entry of judgment.

Defendant is ordered to self-surrender on or before May 8, 2009, before 12:00 noon, to the designated facility of the Bureau of Prisons or, if no designation is made, to the U. S. Marshal, located at 3470 Twelfth Street, Riverside, California 92501.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

March 19, 2009

Date

U. S. District Judge

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.



Clerk of Court Central District of California

March 19, 2009

Filed Date

By C. Sasse

Deputy Clerk

The defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

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1. The defendant shall not commit another Federal, state or local crime;
 2. the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the written permission of the court or probation officer;
 3. the defendant shall report to the probation officer as directed by the court or probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
 4. the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
 5. the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
 6. the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
 7. the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least 10 days prior to any change in residence or employment;
 8. the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
 9. the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed or administered;
 10. the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
 11. the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
 12. the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
 13. the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court;
 14. as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics, and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to conform the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement;
 15. the defendant shall, upon release from any period of custody, report to the probation officer within 72 hours;
 16. and, for felony cases only: not possess a firearm, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.
- ☐ The defendant will also comply with the following special conditions pursuant to General Order 01-05 (set forth below).

STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

The defendant shall pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the judgment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed prior to April 24, 1996.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant shall pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. §3613.

The defendant shall notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. §3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant shall notify the Court through the Probation Office, and notify the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. §3664(k). The Court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution-pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. §3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. §3563(a)(7).

Payments shall be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence:
 - Private victims (individual and corporate),
 - Providers of compensation to private victims,
 - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

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As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant shall provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant shall not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

The defendant shall maintain one personal checking account. All of defendant's income, "monetary gains," or other pecuniary proceeds shall be deposited into this account, which shall be used for payment of all personal expenses. Records of all other bank accounts, including any business accounts, shall be disclosed to the Probation Officer upon request.

The defendant shall not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the Court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

RETURN

I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
 Defendant noted on appeal on _____
 Defendant released on _____
 Mandate issued on _____
 Defendant's appeal determined on _____
 Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
 at _____
 the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

United States Marshal

By _____

 Date

 Deputy Marshal

CERTIFICATE

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

By _____
Deputy Clerk

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